

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold, provided with uprights ~~(1)~~ and girders—~~(2)~~, characterized in that each girder ~~(2)~~ at least one end face ~~(3)~~—is integrally provided with a coupling means ~~(4)~~—for detachably coupling the girder ~~(2)~~ to a smooth part of the upright—~~(1)~~.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to claim 1, characterized in that said coupling means of the girder ~~(2)~~ comprises a tube clamp ~~(4)~~—to be detachably connected to a smooth tube part.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to claim 1—or 2, characterized in that at least one coupling means ~~(4)~~—of the girder ~~(2)~~—is substantially located on one respective side of a — at least after assembly in the scaffold — horizontal intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder ~~(2)~~.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 1,~~ characterized in that each coupling means ~~(4)~~—is provided with an integral connecting body ~~(5)~~—which is integrally connected to the respective girder—~~(2)~~.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to claims ~~3~~ and ~~4~~, characterized in that at least one coupling means of the girder is substantially located on one respective side of a — at least after assembly in the scaffold — horizontal intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder, and a

relatively large part of the connecting body ~~(5)~~—of each coupling means ~~(4)~~—is located at the same side of said intersecting plane (H) as the respective coupling means ~~(4)~~.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~at least~~ claim 4, characterized in that each connecting body ~~(5)~~—is of substantially solid design.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~at least~~ claims ~~3~~ and 4, characterized in that at least one coupling means of the girder is substantially located on one respective side of a — at least after assembly in the scaffold — horizontal intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder, and each said connecting body ~~(5)~~—is designed for keeping a space (S) between the respective girder ~~(2)~~—and an oppositely located upright ~~(1)~~—clear, which space (S) is destined for a part of a coupling means ~~(4)~~—of a different girder ~~(2)~~—to be coupled to that upright ~~(1)~~—at substantially the same height.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~at least~~ claim 4, characterized in that each connecting body ~~(5)~~—extends at least partly in a respective end ~~(3)~~—of the respective girder ~~(2)~~.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to claim 8, characterized in that the connecting body fits into the girder ~~(2)~~—with relatively little or no clearance.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to claim 4, characterized in that the connecting body ~~(5)~~—is designed such

that the distance (L) between the end face ~~(3)~~—of the girder ~~(2)~~—and an outer side ~~(6)~~ of the upright ~~(1)~~, after assembly, is less than approximately 5 cm.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~any one of the preceding claims_1~~, characterized in that the girder ~~(2)~~—is integrally provided at both end faces ~~(3)~~—with coupling means ~~(4)~~—for coupling the girder ~~(2)~~—to uprights ~~(1)~~.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~claims_3 and 11~~, characterized in that at least one coupling means of the girder is substantially located on one respective side of a - at least after assembly in the scaffold - horizontal intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder, and the two coupling means ~~(4)~~—of the girder ~~(2)~~—are located on opposite sides of said intersecting plane (H).

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~any one of the preceding claims_1~~, characterized in that each coupling means ~~(4)~~—comprises a half cross-coupling.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A girder, ~~evidently~~—destined for a scaffold according to ~~any one of the preceding claims_1~~.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for building a scaffold, wherein uprights ~~(1)~~—and girders ~~(2)~~—are coupled to each other, characterized in that at end faces ~~(3)~~, the girders ~~(2)~~—are integrally provided with coupling means ~~(4)~~—for coupling the girders ~~(2)~~—to the uprights ~~(1)~~, wherein a base for a scaffold

floor is set up at a desired height via the following steps, to be carried out in suitable order:

- a) uprights (1)—are erected at desired positions; and
- b) at the desired height, girders (2)—are coupled to smooth parts of the uprights (1)—via the respective coupling means—(4).

16. (NEW) A scaffold according to claim 2, characterized in that at least one coupling means of the girder is substantially located on one respective side of a - at least after assembly in the scaffold - horizontal intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder.

17. (NEW) A scaffold according to claim 9, characterized in that the girder is integrally provided at both end faces with coupling means for coupling the girder to uprights.

18. (NEW) A scaffold according to claim 9, characterized in that each coupling means comprises a half cross-coupling.

19. (NEW) A scaffold according to claim 12, characterized in that each coupling means comprises a half cross-coupling.

20. (NEW) A girder, destined for a scaffold according to claim 9.

21. (NEW) A girder, destined for a scaffold according to claim 12.